THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.25707 of 2005

Date:28.12.2005

Smt. E.Satyavathi,w/o:E.Venkata Subbaiah,

Aged 47 years, BusOwner, r/o: 2/194,IInd Road,

Ananthapur, Anantapur District. ----------Petitioner

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The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Anantapur, Anantapur District.

----------Respondent

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WRIT PETITION NO.25707 OF 2005

ORDER:

The petitioner is operating his vehicle bearing No.AP.02/U.5946 on a town service with Permit PSP No.03/89 issued by the respondent herein. He submitted an application, dated 19-11-2005, before the respondent seeking permission to release the vehicle, on the ground that it needs to be replaced by another. Through his memo, dated 23-11-2005, the respondent rejected the request and took the view that the vehicle can be released, only when it is replaced by another and not otherwise. The petitioner challenges the same.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Transport.

The very purpose of granting Permit, enabling the owner of the vehicle to operate it on a route, is to ensure that the traveling public are provided with the transport facility. Once a vehicle is granted such permission, it cannot be permitted to be withdrawn. The Motor Vehicles Act and Rules made thereunder provide for replacement of vehicle, wherever the permit-holder wants. There is no provision, which enables the permit holder to release the vehicle without replacing it. Such a course would result in defeating the very purpose of granting the permit. If the vehicle owned by the petitioner at present needs major repairs and he is not able to replace it with another, he can certainly seek release of the vehicle, paving the way for the respondent to grant permit in favour of the owner of another vehicle.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that in case the petitioner insists that his vehicle be released for major repairs and he is not able to replace it with another vehicle, the respondent shall accede to such request and he may, in turn, grant transport permit on the same route in favour of the owner of another vehicle, in accordance with law. The permit of the petitioner, in such an event, shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and the Rules made there under. There shall be no order as to costs.

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28-12-2005

Note: Issue C.C. in three days.

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